

# CROPREDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cropredy Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors Tania Johnson (Chairman), Bob Garland, Sheila Jones, Des Knight, Margaret Boscott, Karla Martin, Jacqui Smith, District Cllr Phil Chapman and County Cllr George Reynolds and David Best (Clerk). One member of the public attended the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> December were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.
5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**
  - Playing Field** – The gate at the far side had been made self closing by the addition of a weight. Thanks to John Taylor for this and all the other maintenance carried out in the playing field.
  - Areas in the village maintained by volunteers** – A list of the area currently maintained by volunteers from the village was reviewed and agreed to be correct.
  - Mower servicing** – The mowers that are used for the Upper Churchyard and Kyetts Corner will have their annual service this month.
  - Hell Hole Wall** – There is no change to the condition of the wall but the monitoring will continue.
  - Canal and River Trust maintenance** – Another successful Canal and River Trust ‘Towpath Taskforce’ took place on 19<sup>th</sup> January, working on footpath maintenance and a general tidy up at the wharf. Thanks to an increasing number of parishioners joining, and the next session is scheduled for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March weather permitting.
6. **TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHTING**
  - School Car Park** – The legal advisor to the Parish Council has proposed a framework for the agreements between the PC, School and Landowners, and this appears acceptable in principle for all. There was a positive meeting with the headteacher on 11<sup>th</sup> February and some points of detail will be followed up. The PC legal advisor will prepare draft agreements and a final meeting between all parties will be arranged to finalise matters. Further advice has been noted that the PC will not be able to reclaim VAT on any material bought for the construction.
  - Community Speedwatch Initiative** – This is up and running with three sessions at the entrance to the Village from Claydon Road. Some ‘offending’ vehicles had been reported to the police. Two further locations (Williamscot Road and Station Road) have been submitted for police approval. More volunteers would be welcomed.
  - 20mph speed limit for the whole Village** - 78% of respondents to the Parish Council Survey last October were in favour of a 20mph speed limit. Oxfordshire County Council funding is available for the consultation and installation costs. Cllr Knight proposed the PC apply to be considered and this was seconded by Cllr Johnson. This was supported unanimously by the PC. Cllr Knight will proceed with the application.
  - Car parking on bend outside The Brasenose Arms** – The PC is seeking to lessen the traffic hazard in consultation with the OCC expert. A site visit has been conducted and recommendations are awaited
7. **VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN, CRIME PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENT**

No update.
8. **PARISH COUNCIL USE OF INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**

No update.
9. **PLANNING, CLIMATE CHANGE, FINANCE & LEGAL**

Cllr Garland will lead the consultation with residents about planning for Cropredy over the next 20 years. A questionnaire survey is planned in March which will seek to identify the relative importance of issues including village services, community buildings, housing, the natural environment and slowing climate change. The survey will be available to complete online, but a 'paper' option will be available on request. Two open meeting are planned to be held in April.

### **New Planning Applications:**

21/04101/F – Water Meadows – Single storey side extension – PC support

21/04186/M56 – The Plant House – Change of use of office – PC support

21/04201/Q56 – Crockwell Farm – Changes for single dwellinghouse – PC support

21/04259/F – Lockbund Foundry – Change of use of agricultural building – PC support

21/04090/F – Cropredy Lock – Install lock counter – PC support

### **New Planning Decisions**

21/04201/Q56 – Crockwell Farm – Changes for single dwellinghouse – PC support

## **10. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB:**

**Cable connection to carpark lighting and floodlights** – Three quotes have been received for the required work and Cllr Johnson proposed acceptance of the quote from DAP Electrical. This was seconded by Cllr Knight

**Defibrillator** – The Cropredy Parish Sports and Social Club is proposing to install a defibrillator at the Pavilion which will be partly funded by the English and Welsh Cricket Board. It was agreed that the Parish council will contribute to the cost as it will not just be used by the sports clubs. It was agreed that the Sports and Social Club will be responsible for monitoring and managing the defibrillator.

**Valuation on Sports Club Buildings** – The Clerk had obtained quotes from Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors to assess the full reinstatement cost of the building in the event of a total loss. Cllr Johnson proposed acceptance of the quotation from David Parlett, MRICS. This was seconded by Cllr Garland

## **11. FINANCE**

**Accounts** – The accounts up to 14<sup>th</sup> February were circulated by the clerk prior to the meeting and agreed.

**Bank Mandate Changes** – Unity Trust Bank had confirmed that Cllr Knight was added as a signatory. Barclays Bank has not yet confirmed the changes that have been requested

## **12. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Cherwell District Council & Oxfordshire County Council Partnership** – OCC has decided that it no longer wants to continue the partnership to share back-office functions. This will add cost to both CDC and OCC.

## **13. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - None**

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE** – No outstanding items from correspondence received since the last meeting.

## **15. PARISH MATTERS**

**Sorting of Books in Teenage Shelter** – A vote of thanks was given to Trevor Burch for sorting out the books and implementing an aging system.

**New Book Shelter building** – The wood has been purchased to build the new book-store and building will begin as soon as the weather improves.

**Chapel Green quotes** – Cllr Johnson proposed that the quote from John Taylor to erect posts and chains be accepted, and this was seconded by Cllr Smith.

**List of volunteers and areas for grass cutting** – This was reviewed and agreed. It was agreed that a schedule of mowing would be compiled.

**Church Wall** – Cllr Johnson has spoken to two structural engineers who could advise on necessary repairs but neither has provided a quote yet. They will produce a schedule of work prioritising the sections requiring repair. It was agreed that the clerk would check if listed building consent is required.

**Schedule diary of work to be carried out in the village** – It was agreed that a schedule of the work carried out in the village including mowing would be drawn up.

**Poor state of footpath across the Pearson's Land** – Gt Boughton PC had requested Cropredy PC to ask the landowners to improve the access on the footpath which crosses a field where cattle are often grazing. Cropredy PC will ask Gt Boughton PC to report issues on their footpaths via the OCC Countryside Access Map website.

**Brown Bins** – Cherwell will be charging for Brown Bin collections from 1<sup>st</sup> March. A number of volunteer grass cutters use their own bins for grass cuttings. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay for all bins that are used for mowing communal areas.

## **16. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE**

It was agreed that 120 mugs would be ordered for children and the original design was chosen. The marquee has been ordered and a deposit paid. No additional insurance cover is required unless the PC expect more that 500 people at any event. Some small sections of road may need to be closed for the event on The Green on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. This would affect parking but should cause minimal disruption.

**17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE**

**Toy Cooker for Cropredy Tots** – It was agreed that the PC would pay for a new toy cooker for the Cropredy Tots Group which is run by volunteers. This was proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Knight.

**Meeting Frequency** – It was agreed to hold a meeting in January in future.

**18. ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - None**

**19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

There being no further matters the Chair closed the public meeting at 9.20pm

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Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2021